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The Cimarron Valley Has the Land, Climate and Water. Wanted---One Thousand Farmers

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A NEW ROAD FOR CIMARRON SEEMS AN ASSURED FACT

Big Philanthropic Organization Backing the Deal--Immense Enterprise--Work to Begin Soon--Want Cimarron to Aid.

Since the building of the Santa Fe road and that of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific line, nothing has occurred that is of such great value to northeastern New Mexico and especially Colfax county, as is the project now on foot to build a railroad from Cimarron south east to Amistad and Central City in Union county and ultimately to Nara Vista in Quay and then on down to Texas via Dallas. The incorporation of the Mountain, Valley & Plains Railroad company, with a capital of \$3,000,000.00 was duly set forth in the columns of the Citizen last issue, but the intensity of the work and the purposes of the capitalists back of the movement was not discussed. The history of the whole deal reads like a delightful fairy story. Few people in Cimarron knew that a surveying party had been at work on the road for some time, and that about two or three weeks ago, the party reached Cimarron, having here completed the preliminary survey for the road. The party was in charge of Mr. H. S. Wanamaker, who was seen by a representative of the Citizen. Mr. Wanamaker talked freely of the company, the proposed road and of those back of the deal, but it was thought best not to print the story until the company was duly incorporated in New Mexico.

Mr. Wanamaker, who is to be the general manager of the company, and is also the largest stockholder explained that the survey ran from Cimarron southeast through Union county, down through Quay and would ultimately end in some city in Texas, where eastern connections would be made, with the possibility of building on east and north to Ohio and possibly further. As explained by Mr. Wanamaker, the people back of this project are a benevolent organization which receives its support from the allied protestant churches of America. By popular subscription an immense sum has been set aside for the purposes of finding homes and education for the over-crowded populations of the east and middle west. It is thought that the work of christianity can best be spread by giving material aid to the people, and the purpose of the organization is to settle the southwest by buying up large tracts of lands, and then offering them to settlers in smaller tracts at an advanced but fair price. The profits that accrue from the sale of these lands are turned back into the fund for more lands. Every tract that the organization opens up are improved, churches are built, and school houses are erected, all at the expense of the organization, it being the thought that in giving the settlers the same moral atmosphere and intellectual and educational advantages they are accustomed to back in the older parts of the country, the tide of immigration will be greatly augmented, and the good work of giving relief will become enormous. The organization is in no sense a charitable one, but it is on the other hand a money making scheme no different from that of any other big centralization of enormous capital except in this one particular. All profits, instead of going into the pockets of stockholders, are applied first to pay expenses, and then to swelling the fund for further development. In other words, the whole object is one of settlement and development, effected through benevolent means. This organization has been in existence for many years, and has already accomplished much. It has purchased large tracts of land in the southwest, and has sold it in

small farms to actual settlers. It has already erected churches and school houses, and has laid out prosperous towns. The new towns of Amistad and Central City here in New Mexico were laid out and financed by this organization.

MOUNTAIN OUTLET

Mr. Wanamaker stated that the purpose of building the proposed road was a selfish one. The company wants to build a road along whose line it may expand, build towns, buy lands, and last but not least, it wants a mountain outlet where it can obtain timber, coal and minerals for its settlers. It also wants a place where it can have a summer resort for its grantees, and where a big chautauqua grounds can be obtained. In looking over the situation, Cimarron was the only place that presented all of these advantages, and the Citizen was informed that the road would, beyond a doubt be built to Cimarron, which will be the western terminal. Here the shops will be located.

CHAUTAUQUA

If the road is built to Cimarron, it is the purpose of the company to lay out an enormous Chautauqua grounds at Ute Park. This chautauqua will not be the common sort that is held at almost any locality, but it will attract the best of lecturers and entertainments in the whole country, rivaling even the first and original meetings at Lake Chautauqua in New York. The company expects to

MAY OPEN GOLF LINKS

Golf Enthusiasts Are Contemplating Forming A Club.

The golf enthusiasts of Cimarron are contemplating the formation of a golf club in the near future and no small number have already signified their desire to join and help carry the project of laying out suitable golf links. On the mesa just to the north of town is an ideal place for golf links, and they could be put in shape with but comparatively little expense. A self-appointed committee of ardent golfers went over the ground last week and reported that they were very much pleased. The links can be laid out so that hole number one will be right at the head of Washington avenue and not more than four blocks from the center of town. It is planned to double number some of the holes so that those who do not wish to play all around the course may stop at hole five and return. The natural lay of the ground is ideally situated for a most ideal course. Both level and broken ground can be included, and the long and short courses are planned to suit both the ardent enthusiast and the chap who merely wants an easy course to play over.

It is the plan of those back of the movement to lay out the course at once, and as soon as a sufficient number of golfers become interested in the game, to form a golf club and build a club house.

build fine structures at Ute Park, and make the annual meetings second to none.

UNIVERSITY

Mr. Wanamaker stated that in case the road is built to Cimarron, within ten years from the date of completion, the organization will found an enormous non-sectarian university here in Cimarron. This university, it is expected will in time be one of the great universities of the country, because it will draw its support from all over the country and from every sort of source. It will embody in its courses all that are now embodied in the large institutions in the country, and beside a collegiate department, it will also have a college of medicine, law, engineering, mining and electrical, and big laboratories will be erected for scientific research along every line. The organization, it was explained, believe that by education of the people, the greatest good can be done.

WANT HELP

In explaining the reasons why Cimarron has been chosen for the terminal of the road, Mr. Wanamaker stated that it is the center of the very sort of country from which the settlers will draw largely for many things. He stated that when the road was projected, Cimarron was not especially chosen as the western point, and it has not been definitely settled yet that the road will end here. But he did state that no other point had been decided upon. It is the hope of the organization that Cimarron will aid in a material manner to get the road here. What bonus was asked was not mentioned, that matter being rather left to the generosity of the people of Cimarron. He stated that the raising of a bonus was very much desired whether that bonus be in the shape of money, lands or both, but he stated that it was not demanded as a condition precedent to the building of the road. He had every belief that the road would be built to Cimarron without it, but let the matter of aiding to the people. If any other place can offer as general natural and better financial advantages, the road may be built to that point, but the organization has as yet no other point in view after having made an extensive investigation.

As stated in the beginning of this article, the whole tale reads like a fairy story, but the men back of the deal are men of national prominence and financial standing, and the organization is a fact. It has done deeds and performed works right here in New Mexico that can be investigated by the most skeptic. Although the organization is not especially a new one, still the publicity of its works and purposes are new, and therefore are open to disbelief. It is an organization that is running a philanthropic business in a business manner with the avowed intention to make the business pay for itself. The road is not being projected without deep thought and investigation, and it is said by experts that such a road can be built at comparatively small cost, and when it begins active operations, it will be a big money making enterprise. It will not only find a market for the vast coal and mineral deposits of Colfax county, but it will open up a rich and fertile country through which it will pass. It will furnish a direct route to eastern New Mexico and western Texas for the commodities which that portion of the country lacks and has urgent need of, and the traffic will be enormous from the first.

CHURCH ITEMS

We are now closing our Conference Year and we believe there are some who would like to know of the work that we have tried to do. Altho we have not accomplished all we hoped and prayed that we might yet there is much for which we should be grateful. Since our arrival our Sunday School has nearly doubled. We now have on roll nearly 80 members. Under the leadership of Bro. G. W. Neli, a large increase in both membership and attendance was secured. He gave to the work his best endeavor and attention. His departure was a great loss, not only to this department, but also to the church, of which he was leader and director. However, we had another ready to take his place and Mrs. Mason Chase was appointed and entered into the work immediately and is doing good service. We would like to see everyone—not only the children, but also the parents, enrolled.

Our Epworth League is not doing so well. There has always seemed a hesitancy to take hold and for some weeks it has been a great disappointment to all concerned.

The Woman's Home Mission Society is in good condition. They have been of valuable assistance to the pastor and to the church in many respects. A number of new members have been received.

The work in our regular church service is on the gain. While our morning service is not largely attended, our attendance at night is good and is increasing. We appreciate this. This year we have received nine additions seven by certificate and two by profession of faith. Have had a loss of two. Our total membership is now 24.

The finances of the church is considerably behind. Only a little over half of the assessment for the year has been paid.

We wish to thank all who have in any way taken part in our church work. Your assistance was a great help to us and will be remembered. Fraternally,

J. ALFRED MORGAN.

SCHOOL CONVENED

Cimarron Schools Now Giving Full Blast—Able Corps of Teachers.

It had been planned to open the Cimarron schools last Monday, but the 7th was Labor Day and the beginning of the school year was postponed until yesterday when the regular routine was taken up for the year. The teachers met in a teachers' meeting last Monday and decided upon the various things necessary to properly carry on their work in an orderly and systematic manner. Mr. R. Pugh, the new principal of Cimarron schools has already shown himself highly competent to handle his work in a successful manner, and of the other two teachers, Miss Mabel Ring and Miss Cornelia Burke, too much praise cannot be given. Miss Ring needs no introduction here in Cimarron because her past work in our schools has been most efficient. Miss Burke has taught in Dawson, where she was highly prized as a most successful teacher and a most charming young lady. The Citizen congratulates the people of Cimarron on having such an efficient and competent corps of teachers in charge of its schools.

Mr. John Chesworth and his force of men have returned from Albuquerque, where they have just completed the Colfax county building, which will house the exhibits of the county at the National Irrigation Congress. Mr. Chesworth states that the building is a fine one, and eclipses all others of its kind on the ground.

PRINCIPAL IS HONORED

Receives Recognition at the Hands of Colfax County Teachers' Institute.

Mr. Carl R. Pugh, who has taken charge of the Cimarron schools as principal, was recognized by the Colfax county teachers institute as a leader by being chosen as one of the committee on resolutions.

The institute adopted the report of the committee without a negative vote. The resolutions which were presented, among other things, looked toward perfecting the system and work in the public schools and were in part as follows:

Be it further resolved: That as teachers of Colfax county we introduce more systematic features in school work for the coming year; That we recommend that due time be given to the teaching of Elementary Science and Nature Study; That by joint school entertainments we endeavor to increase in our pupils the desire for the best literature; That since it is conceded in the final analysis of things, our children are our best possessions, they are more than live stock or bank stock, therefore there should be the closest co-operation between the school room and the home. In order that this may be brought about and higher ideals is educational work reached we would recommend a series of parents' meetings.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be published in each of the county papers.

Respectfully submitted:

Carl R. Pugh,
Florence E. Perley,
Mrs. Leona Logie.

The recommendation for the parents' meetings is an excellent one and should by all means be adopted by the parents. What could be more conducive to good results in the education and forming of the childish mind and character than co-operation between the teacher and the parents.

CHASE RAISES IMMENSE APPLES

TWENTY-TWO OUNCE PIPPINS FROM CHASE RANCH.

The Citizen is in receipt of two enormous apples grown in the M. M. Chase orchard north of Cimarron, which are surely wonders. The two apples are of the Pippin variety and the larger of the two measures fourteen and one-half inches around, and weighs twenty-two ounces while the other is but a trifle smaller. They are of a very delicate and beautiful pink color and have such a waxy appearance that one visitor to the Citizen office wanted to know if they were real apples or merely wax, stating that he had never seen such large apples that actually grew on trees.

Mr. Chase has one of the finest and largest orchards in New Mexico, and among his thousands of trees, can be found scores of varieties of eating and cooking apples. He states that he has one variety of apple that grows even larger than his Pippins but that they have not as yet attained their full growth, being a later apple.

SPRINGS PHYSICIAN HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Colorado Springs, Sept. 8.—An automobile driven by Dr. T. O. Hanford of this city who was riding with his wife near Palmer Lake this afternoon, struck a rock and turned over, seriously injuring the owner. He is suffering with two broken ribs and it is feared that he is injured internally. Mrs. Hanford escaped injury by jumping.

ROBBERY ATTEMPTED

Crocker Store is Entered—Three Burglars Are Detected and Fired Upon.

Last Sunday night about one o'clock, Mr. John Kay, the manager of the store of the Crocker Mercantile Co., who lives in the rooms above the store, was awakened by stealthy footsteps in the store room below. He at first thought it was one of the cats romping about, but he soon heard a door open softly, and then realizing that some one had entered the store, he seized his revolver and looked out the back window where he saw a man standing in the doorway to the rear of the building. Firing simply to frighten this man, who ran around the corner, he then directed his son to the windows at the front of the building in the hope that he could prevent escape of the men inside. By this time the man who had entered the store building came out the back door. Mr. Kay shot at him twice, but missed him. He ran to the corral fence and crawled under with great haste, running south to the railroad track. Then the boy in the front of the building, saw a third man coming out of the premises. He in turn fired two shots at him, but also missed. This man ran northeast and escaped. Thinking that the men could be captured if pursuit was at once begun, Mr. Kay at once called up Officer Willson and started out after the men, but no trace could be found. They did, however, find a horse with saddle and bridle wandering around near the store and took it up, believing that it perhaps belonged to one of the men who attempted the robbery.

The surprise of the criminals was so sudden and so soon that they were not able to get away with anything.

WERE WED. AT NOON

Miss Clodie Hunter Became Bride of T. A. Brooke--Will Reside Here.

Promptly at high noon on last Sunday, Miss Clodie Hunter became the bride of Thomas A. Brooke, the ceremony being performed at the Methodist church, Rev. Cutler of the Raton Baptist church officiating. The ceremony was a most impressive one, and the church was most tastefully decorated. To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Mrs. O. F. Matkin, the bridal party swept down the aisle to the altar. The bride was attended by her younger sister who was maid of honor, while Mr. Wm. Brooke, the groom's brother, was best man. The ushers were Mr. D. B. Cole and Victor Braekett.

After the impressive ceremony had been performed the happy couple quickly escaped in a carriage from their zealous friends, and were driven to the home of the bride's parents, where a bridal feast was spread for the bridal party.

The groom is one of the most popular young business men here in Cimarron, and he had fitted a cozy little home for his bride on Ninth street, where the happy couple will make their future home. The Citizen and all Cimarron wishes nothing but happiness for the young couple.